

I am writing to you to protest in the strongest possible terms the outrageous decision of the Sinclair Broadcasting Group to broadcast the program "Stolen Honor" on their channels. The decision to broadcast such a controversial program so close to the presidential election is clearly a violation of the stations' legal requirement to act in the public interest to serve their community interests. Even if I were not aware of their previous decision to order seven of their ABC-affiliated stations not to air the "Nightline" segment that featured a reading of the names of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq, I would still believe that this was not a defensible decision.

At that time, one of their executives called that broadcast "contrary to the public interest." I submit to you that this broadcast is far less in the public interest. Their decision in this case is far more damaging, transparently partisan and completely inappropriate in the final days before the election. If they feel that this is a legitimate piece, they should play it on or after November 3, when their viewers can watch it objectively. If they are unwilling to wait, this proves conclusively that their intention is political.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Their decision in this case shows that they are not fulfilling this obligation.

Sincerely,
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